

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2001-1

FOURTH REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AS SETTLEMENT COORDINATOR
(November 30, 2001)

On November 19, 2001, the Postal Service filed its third report on settlement discussions in the instant docket.¹ The report indicated that a fourth report would be filed no later than November 30.

Subsequent to the second informal settlement conference held on November 16, 2001, at Postal Service Headquarters, the Postal Service has continued discussions with intervenors and the Office of the Consumer Advocate to consider proposed terms of settlement. A preliminary draft Stipulation and Agreement has been circulated informally to all participants, and comments and suggestions have been received. The Postal Service is continuing to discuss pertinent issues with certain parties.

Based on these developments, the Postal Service continues to believe that settlement among a substantial number of participants is possible. Another status

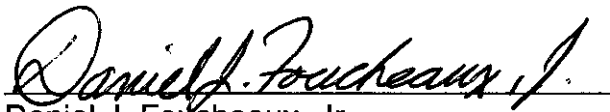
¹. Third Report of the United States Postal Service as Settlement Coordinator, Docket No R2001-1 (Nov. 19, 2001).

report will be filed no later than December 10, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

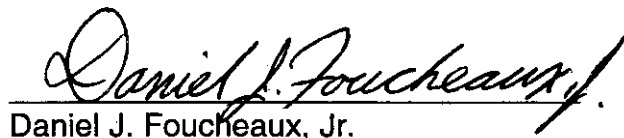
By its attorney:

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Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr.
Chief Counsel, Ratemaking

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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